

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JULY 2, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Moriarty, Kimenker, Everett, Brady
Alternates Present: Ackerman, Brewer
Absent: Somers
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Moriarty sat Brewer for Somers.

I. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Elaine Chertoff, owner of 84 Library Street, appeared before the Commission to discuss renovation plans for the subject property which she purchased last year. The applicant would like to conduct some front exterior renovations which will include replacing the metal porch railings with wooden rails that have balusters, the addition of decorative Victorian pediments, and placing fish scales on the gables. Additionally, she is proposing to replace the windows for the entire house with Harvey classic vinyl windows. The house was built in the 1870's. The Commission requested more details and descriptive plans for the project at the public hearing.

Tom and Vickie LaFrance appeared before the Commission regarding 51 Clift Street which they recently purchased. The house is in a state of disrepair with the sills gone and a foundation that is only 4'. The applicants would therefore prefer to demolish the existing structure and build a new one. Staff noted that a COA for the demolition will need to be issued by the Commission as well as a separate COA for the new structure. The original structure was built around 1850. They discussed plans for a Victorian-style house with the Commission.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff noted a letter from the Town Clerk advising him that the Town Council has appointed Todd Brady as a regular member. Staff also noted a letter from the Town Clerk stating that Donald Levenson has been appointed by the Council an alternate member to the Commission.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF June 18, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 18, 2013.

Motion made by Everett, seconded by Brady, so voted unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed how pre-application hearings are conducted and the type of feedback that will be most helpful to give to residents during preliminary hearings.

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Chairperson Moriarty noted that she would not be available for the next Council of Chairs meeting. She will contact Vice Chairperson Somers, but if he is unavailable Commissioner Brady volunteered to attend.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. made by Moriarty, seconded by Kimenker, so voted unanimously.

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